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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USE OF BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ EXPERTS IN BERLIN

REF: BONN 4779

1. WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE A TRIPARTITE MEETING
MARCH 25 WITH ALLIED AND SENAT TECHNICAL AND
POLICE EXPERTS TO DETERMINE SENAT'S TECHNICAL REQUIRE-
MENTS AND NATURE OF CLUES WHICH POLICE ARE TRYING TO
FOLLOW. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT US
DOES NOT HAVE NEEDED CAPABILITY, EITHER MACHINES OR
PERSONNEL, IN BERLIN TO DO SPECIALIZED TYPE OF CITIZEN
BAND RADIO INTERCEPTS IN QUESTION, AND PROBABLY DOES
NOT POSSESS THIS CAPABILITY IN FRG EITHER. WE ARE
ALSO NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT FRENCH OR BRITISH COULD
PROVIDE REQUIRED ASSETS FROM THEIR FORCES IN GERMANY.

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2. IF ALLIES ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSETS TO ASSIST

BERLIN POLICE IN FOLLOWING UP LEGITIMATE CLUES, WE WOULD AGREE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE FIND SOME WAY TO PERMIT POLICE TO BRING GERMAN ASSETS TO BEAR. WE ARE TOLD THAT ONLY BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ (BGS) SPECIALIZES IN THIS RATHER ESOTERIC QORK IN FRG. IF IT COMES TO IT, WE WOULD PREFER TO SANITIZE PRESENCE OF BGS EXPERTS HERE THROUGH SECONDMENT TO BERLIN POLICE, AUTHORIZED BY CLASSIFIED ALLIED BK/L WHICH WOULD DEFINE LIMITS OF OPERATION AND MAKE CLEAR ENTIRE MATTER WAS SUBJECT TO BERLIN POLICE AND ALLIED -- NOT FRG -- CONTROL. WE WOULD PREFER THIS COURSE TO DIRECT SECONDMENT IN SOME FASHION TO ALLIES SINCE THAT WOULD PERHAPS PUT US A BIT TOO DIRECTLY IN FRONT LINE OF ENTIRE AFFAIR THAN WOULD BE COMFORTABLE AND, IF IT CAME OUT, WOULD APPEAR SO DEFENSIVE AS TO SUGGEST WE WERE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPRIETY OF AFFAIR THAN WE WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO ADMIT PUBLICLY.

3. WE WILL PASS ON TECHNICAL DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. IN MEANTIME, SORT OF BK/L WHICH WE HAVE IN MIND WOULD READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA NOTES THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY IN BERLIN INSUFFICIENT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO FOLLOW CERTAIN SPECIFIC CLUES OBTAINED BY THE POLICE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING AFFAIR. THESE CLUES RELATE TO A DELICATE PROCESS OF RADIO INTERCEPT, THE ONLY EXPERTS IN WHICH IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ARE BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ POLICE IN THE FRG. IN VIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL SITUATION THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA AUTHORIZES THE SENAT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FRG FOR THE TEMPORARY SECONDMENT TO THE BERLIN POLICE OF THE NECESSARY EXPERTS. THESE EXPERTS MUST BE PRESENT IN BERLIN ONLY AS MEMBERS OF THE BERLIN POLICE. IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS THEY WILL BE SUBJECT FULLY TO THE CONTROL OF THE BERLIN AUTHORITIES AND, PURSUANT TO BK/O(58)3, TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES. THE ALLIES REQUIRE THAT THEY BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED
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OF THE PROGRESS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PRECEDENT FOR ANY FUTURE INVESTIGATION OR FOR THE PRESENCE IN BERLIN OF MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ. END TEXT. GEORGE

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